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RENOVATION OF HISTORICAL MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has decided to renovate Charminar at Hyderabad as reported in the 'Times of India' dated April 3, 2007;

(b) if so, the total amount earmarked for the renovation of this monument;

(c) whether some other historical monuments in the country would also be renovated by ASI during 2007-08; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) Yes, Sir.The Archaeological Survey of India has taken up the restoration of stuccowork, consolidation of the structure and filling up the cracks as well as removal of Graffiti marks on the Charminar.

(b) An amount of Rs.19.50 lakhs has been earmarked for this purpose in the current year.

(c)&(d) Conservation of centrally protected monuments is a continuous process subject to the availability of resources. During 2007-08, an amount of Rs.115.32 crores has been earmarked for conservation, environment development and preservation of centrally protected monuments.